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LB 22, 98, 595, 816A
LR 116-119

morning, nine o'clock in Room 1003. I have a hearing notice...I'm sorry. I have amendments to be printed by Senator Chambers to LB 98. Study resolutions, LR 116-119 will be referred to the Reference Committee. And a new A bill, LB 816A, by Senator Wesely. (Read title.) That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 2135-37 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now proceed to the next item of business which is LB 595.

CLERK: Mr. President, 595, a bill introduced by Senator Lindsay. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 20, referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Revenue Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Warner, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, the committee amendments on LB...excuse me, LB 595, again, struck a number of the provisions of the bill introduced, and what remains is these items in the committee amendment. It would be an additional two cents increase in the tax on a pack...a pack of 20 cigarettes, which would be then for a total of 34 cents if LB 22 was also enacted. It provides that the intent language in the bill...in the amendment that the purpose of the funds is for diversity in cancer research. It provides that no more than 200,000 be appropriated for the operation of the Cancer Registry. Currently, it is limited to 20 percent of the current 1 percent...one cent of the tax. And then the...in addition, the additional two cents would be earmarked, not more than one-half of it would be distributed to the Eppley Institute for cancer research and the other one cent would be available to the postsecondary institutions of Nebraska which have cancer research but that would, in fact, be Creighton. And then there...the provisions are that the money allocated would be under a contract and under that contract it would require development of a full accounting of how money is spent under the contract so that it's available for legislative review and it would limit that the money would not be spent for travel, construction or any other purpose not directly related to cancer research, and then the operative date and the emergency clause so that they all can go into effect as of July 1 of 1993. I would like to comment a little on the background though on the committee amendments. Some of you may recall, all of you are